

# 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

## AGENDA

2 November 2020: 12h00-15h30 CET

3 November 2020: 14h30-17h00 CET

Virtual Event - Zoom

Organised by the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)



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### About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) (WGI) is an **international multi-stakeholder network** of 100+ delegates from public, private and not-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year in a **Policy Forum** to share experience on reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better governance in the water sector.

The WGI, which was launched in March 2013, has the following objectives:

- Provide a **multi-stakeholder technical platform** to share knowledge, experience and best practices on water governance across levels of government;
- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water reforms through peer-to-peer dialogue and stakeholder engagement across public, private and non-profit sectors;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance in the Global Water Agenda;
- Support the **implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance** in interested member and non-member countries by scaling up best practices and using the indicators' framework for self-assessment; and
- **Foster continuity on governance** from the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Brasilia, 2018) to the 9<sup>th</sup> Forum (Dakar, 2021).

### Objectives of the 14<sup>th</sup> WGI Meeting

- Peer review of the ongoing policy dialogues in Africa and Asia
- Discuss WGI contribution to the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum
- Advance WGI working groups on Capacity Development and Indicators

### Working languages and interpretation

The working language will be in English.

### Previous meetings of the WGI

- [13<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 9-10 January 2020 – Paris, France
- [12<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 20-21 June 2019 – Berlin, Germany
- [11<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 12-13 November 2018 – Zaragoza, Spain
- [10<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 20-21 November 2017 – Vienna, Austria
- [9<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 3-4 July 2017 – Paris, France.
- [8<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 12-13 January 2017 – Rabat, Morocco.
- [7<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 23-24 June 2016 - The Hague, Netherlands.
- [6<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2015 – Paris, France.
- [5<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 26 May 2015 – Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- [4<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 24-25 November 2014 – Paris, France.
- [3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting](#): 28-29 April 2014 – Madrid, Spain.
- [2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting](#): 7-8 November 2013 – Paris, France.
- [1<sup>st</sup> Meeting](#): 27-28 March 2013 – Paris, France.

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**Monday 2 November 2020**  
**Peer reviews of Regional Policy Dialogues: Africa and Asia**  
**12h-15h30 CET**

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**12:00 - 12:20 Welcoming Remarks & Update since the 13<sup>th</sup> WGI Meeting**

- Mr Peter Glas, Chair, OECD Water Governance Initiative
  - Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD
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**12:20 - 13:15 Water Governance in Asia**

- Mr Thomas Panella, Chief, Water Sector Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Ms Maria Salvetti, Water Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD
- Mr Tadashige Kawasaki, IWRM Specialist, Water Resources Engineering, Japan Water Agency
- Group discussion

This session will discuss key findings and recommendations from an OECD/ADB survey on water governance in Asia, to be published in the 2020 edition of the Asian Water Development Outlook. A draft report was shared with participants before the meeting.

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**13:15-14:15 Water Governance in African Cities**

- Ms Maria Salvetti, Water Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD
- Mr Mohamed Nbou, Climate Change Director, UCLG-Africa
- Mr Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco

The session will discuss key findings from a joint OECD/UCLG survey on Water Governance in 36 African Cities and next steps towards a Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security. A draft report was shared with participants before the meeting

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**14:15 - 14:30 Virtual Coffee Break**

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**14:30-15:15 Water Governance and Security in Cape Town, South Africa**

- Mr Mike Killick, Director, Bulk Services, Water and Sanitation, City of Cape Town
- Ms Maria Salvetti, Water Economist and Policy Analyst, OECD
- Ms Caroline Figueres, Strategic Advisor, Water, Figueres consultancy, Peer-reviewer
- Mr John Dini, Research Manager of Water Governance, Water Research Commission
- Group discussion

The session will discuss key findings and recommendations from the Water Policy Dialogue carried out by the OECD with City of Cape Town over the past year. A draft report will be shared with participants before the meeting.

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**15:45-15:30 Day 1 Closing**

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**Tuesday 3 November 2020**  
**WGI Contributions to Global Agendas and WGI Working Group Activities**  
**14h30-17h00 CET**

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**14:30 - 15:00 WGI Contribution to Global Agendas and the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

- Mr Peter Glas, Chair, OECD Water Governance Initiative
  - Mr Abdoulaye Sene, Executive Director of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum
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**15:00 - 15:45 Implementing the OECD Principles on Water Governance: Measuring water governance impacts**

- Ms Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, OECD Water Governance Programme, OECD
- Reaction from members of the Steering Committee
- Group discussion

The session will discuss the key messages from a literature review mapping and assessing impacts of governance for a select number of OECD Principles on Water Governance. The discussion will help fine-tune a draft working paper to be launched at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

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**15:45 - 16:00 Virtual Coffee Break**

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**16:00-16:45 OECD toolkit for self-assessing water governance systems at basin, local and national level**

- Ms Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, OECD Water Governance Programme, OECD
- Reaction from members of the Steering Committee
- Group discussion

The session will discuss a draft toolkit to leverage of potential of capacity development through the OECD Principles on Water governance. A 10-step methodology for self-assessment, based on the Principles and related Indicator Framework, was shared prior to the meeting.

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**16:45-17:00 Closing of the 14<sup>th</sup> WGI Meeting**

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